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## Medical center, MABOS bring hope to 'Heart Hospital'



Col. Dwight Sones, director Transit Center at Manas, and Dr. Samindin Shabyraliev, senior cardiac surgeon at the Institution of Cardiac Surgery and Organ Transplantation in Bishkek, discuss the capabilities of the recently donated bypass unit.



Officials visited the Children's Heart Ward of the Kyrgyz Scientific Research Institute of Heart Surgery and Organ Transplantation, February 24, to donate a cardiopulmonary bypass unit. The Manas Area Benefit Outreach Society, the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, Chief Master Sgt. William Cole, and Mr. Jim Carney arranged the donation.

## Operation Warm and Dry II transfers more donated goods



Left and below: Transit center civil engineers load goods Feb. 15. This round distributed 4,000 pounds of aid in Bishkek and Karakol.





# Kant Air Base leadership visits Transit Center



Above and right: Members from the Transit Center at Manas give a tour of a C-17 Globemaster III to Russian air force leadership from Kant Air Base. This is the first time in TCM history that members from Kant have toured here. This visit gave Kant leadership a glimpse of the daily U.S. Military life and current operations here.



## Kyrgyz Parliament tour, fly KC-135 refueling mission



Col. Dwight Sones, Transit Center at Manas director answers questions from members of the Kyrgyz Parliament during a KC-135 "Stratotanker" aerial refueling mission here, February 16. The group toured the TCM and learned about current operations here. Additional tours and flights are scheduled for other Parliamentarians later this spring and summer.



# K-9 training builds friendship, partnerships



Above: A member of Bakyt National Security trains her dog with Joseph Villalobos, 376 Expeditionary Security Forces military working dog kennel master, as a part of a military to military information exchange here Feb. 11.

Right: Mr. Villalobos goes over tactics with Kyrgyz military members in order to learn from each other and foster good working relationships. Bakyt National Security officials train with other K-9 handlers here to strengthen military ties and security operations.



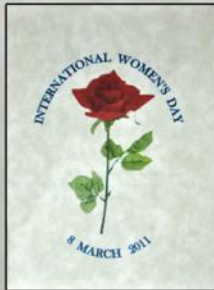
## TMC, Kyrgyz showcase skill sets



Above: Fire fighters from the Transit Center at Manas share some of their basic life saving skills as part of an exercise scenario used to teach basic fire fighter operations during a U.S.- Kyrgyz military-to-military engagement here March 14.

Left: Kyrgyz fire fighters demonstrate the ability to get rescue equipment to other fire fighting teams during an exercise. This event was held to share information—between both services—and training with the local Kyrgyz partners. The exercise also increased fire fighter situational awareness and fire fighting skills to improve their overall abilities.





## Celebrating International Women's Day at the Transit Center

March 8, International Women's Day, is a beloved holiday in Kyrgyzstan, a cross between Mother's Day and St. Valentine's Day in the United States. To honor the holiday, Col. Dwight Sones, director of the Transit Center at Manas, personally signed almost 400 cards for female employees here. (U.S. Air Force photos/Master Sgt. Daniel Nathaniel)



## PRECIOUS MOMENTS

Members from the Transit Center at Manas, visit the Belovodosky Orphanage to enjoy spending time with the children. The orphanage is home to 112 children, ages 2 to 7 years old. The Transit Center visits the orphanage twice monthly to bring needed supplies. Humanitarian Assistance is an important focus for Transit Center Airmen. (U.S. Air Force photos/ Staff Sgt. Stacy Moless)





# 'Lady Liberandos' beat national university 80-58



Above and left: Transit Center at Manas women's team sets their defense in the Kojomkul Sports Palace March 5. The "Liberandos" beat Kyrgyzstan National University 80-58.

## TCM men's team takes loss



Above, right and below: Transit Center at Manas men's team faces off against Azerbaijan at the Kojomkul Sports Palace March 19. The "Liberandos" men's team took a loss against Azerbaijan 79-59.





## Transit Center at Manas economic impact as of March. 30, 2011

Direct Expenditures	FY08 Actual	FY09 Actual	FY10 Actual	FY11 YTD
Payments to Kyrgyz Govt - Dip Note	\$17,400,000	\$26,620,000	\$60,000,000	Projected 15 Apr- \$45,000,000
Payments to Manas International Airport (MIA)	\$22,426,354	\$22,999,039		
Lease, Passes, and Utilities			\$4,029,091	\$4,097,738
Aircraft Landing, Parking, Service Fees			\$21,157,571	\$9,393,700
Contributions to Airport Improvements	\$131,000	\$30,600,000	\$0	\$0
Contributions to Kyrgyz Aeronavigation (KAN)	\$480,500	\$0	\$0	\$0
Contract Payments	\$35,351,310	\$24,601,908		
Commodities (Furniture/Sports equip/supplies)			\$28,214,794	\$10,418,649
Construction (Buildings/renovations/road repairs)			\$5,229,757	\$1,873,531
Services (Grounds/refuse/custodial/Leases (non-MIA)	\$83,726	\$81,562	\$9,345,966	\$5,253,557
Programmatic Humanitarian Assistance (HA)		\$1,700,000	\$66,596	\$81,491
			\$2,273,488	\$389,444
<b>Subtotal Direct Expenditures</b>	<b>\$75,872,890</b>	<b>\$106,602,509</b>	<b>\$130,317,263</b>	<b>\$76,508,110</b>

### Indirect Expenditures

Estimated US Military local spending	\$946,000	\$1,037,530	\$1,161,743	\$640,929
<b>Subtotal Indirect Expenditures</b>	<b>\$946,000</b>	<b>\$1,037,530</b>	<b>\$1,161,743</b>	<b>\$640,929</b>

<b>Total Economic Impact</b>	<b>\$76,818,890</b>	<b>\$107,640,039</b>	<b>\$131,479,006</b>	<b>\$77,149,039</b>
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## TCM shares maintenance techniques through exchange



Above and left: Kyrgyz military members discuss aircraft maintenance techniques and procedures during a military to military exchange program here, March 26. The exchange group toured the flightline, a KC-135 "Stratotanker" and viewed life at the Transit Center first-hand.

**The Transit Center employs more than 700 Kyrgyz citizens,  
Each employee is a valued team member of the Transit Center**

